



Moves to stop Rhodes towers

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DRUMMOYNE State MP Angela D'Amore wants to stop the revised Rhodes draft master plan.

Ms D'Amore recently held a meeting at Concord West Public School with about 60 residents who voiced their objection to Canada Bay Council's proposal to allow developers build four 25-storey skyscrapers.

She said the council had failed to take into account the impact the proposed development would have on roads.

"We understand we need to facilitate more housing in the area, but we prefer this be spread throughout the electorate for more low and medium density rather than having 25-storey towers on one site, which will certainly strain infrastructure," Ms D'Amore said.

She put the residents' position to Planning Minister Tony Kelly, explaining that the council's 2031 population target could still be met without relying on the proposed

high-density housing at Rhodes.

"Residents said they were happy with the initial development of 12-storey towers, but to have 25 is certainly unacceptable and I support that position," Ms D'Amore said.

"At the end of the day the council is not responsible for upgrading major roads, improving schools and transport, so it's very easy for them to put up a revised master plan and not look at infrastructure."

Canada Bay mayor Angelo Tsirekas said if they were not going to put high densities in developing areas, the only alternative was to rezone residential streets and put in medium densities.

"Well, we don't want to change the character of our suburban streets and good planning principles will tell you that high density along major forms of transport where there is development occurring is better planning than putting medium densities where there is no transport," Cr Tsirekas said.



An aerial view of Rhodes.

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